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OKLAHOMA MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

OKLAHOMA: Milk production during the first quarter of 1974 is estimated at 270 million pounds, down 5 percent from the 283 million pounds produced during the same quarter last year, according to the Oklahoma Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

There was an average of 125,000 milk cows in Oklahoma during March, 8,000 less than in 1973. With total production for March at 95 million pounds, the average yield per cow was 760 pounds, equal to the March 1973 per cow average. On April 1, reporters were feeding 14.3 pounds of grain and other concentrates per milk cow, down 8 percent from the 15.5 pounds fed on April 1 last year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production during March, at an estimated 9,933 million pounds, although up 14 percent from February, was down 3 percent from March 1973. Milk production in March provided 1.51 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses. This compares with 1.57 pounds a year earlier and 1.47 for February 1974. Milk production per cow was 887 pounds during March, virtually unchanged from last year's 886 pounds, but 14 percent more than February 1974. Milk cows on farms during March totaled 11,202,000 head, 3 percent fewer than March 1973. Grain and concentrates fed milk cows on April 1 averaged 13.8 pounds per cow, the same as a year ago. The January 1, 1974 estimated feeding rate was 13.1 pounds per cow.

MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS, OKLAHOMA AND UNITED STATES
SELECTED MONTHS, 1974, WITH COMPARISONS

Month	OKLAHOMA				UNITED STATES			
	1972	1973	1974	1974 1973	1972	1973	1974	1974 1973
	- Million Pounds -		Percent		- Million Pounds		Percent	
January	98	94	88	94	9,720	9,581	9,278	97
February	97	88	87	99	9,391	8,969	8,711	97
March	108	101	95	94	10,452	10,213	9,933	97

OKLAHOMA: MILK COWS ON FARMS, MONTHLY PRODUCTION PER COW,
AND TOTAL MILK PRODUCTION, 1973, WITH COMPARISONS

Month	Milk Cows on Farms			Monthly Production Per Cow			Total Milk Production		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	- Thousands -			- Pounds -			- Million Pounds -		
January	140	138	134	740	710	705	104	98	94
February	140	138	133	685	705	665	96	97	88
March	141	138	133	780	780	760	110	108	101
April	141	138	132	795	805	765	112	111	101
May	141	138	132	830	840	835	117	116	110
June	140	137	132	790	795	765	111	109	101
July	140	136	130	780	795	765	109	108	99
August	140	136	129	745	760	745	104	103	96
September	139	135	128	710	725	690	99	98	88
October	139	134	127	720	740	695	100	99	88
November	139	134	127	705	695	680	98	93	86
December	138	134	126	725	710	700	100	95	88
Annual	140	136	130	9,000	9,081	8,769	1,260	1,235	1,140

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MILK PRICES UP FROM YEAR EARLIER

Prices paid to farmers for whole milk during January, February, and March of 1974, at \$9.75, \$9.90, and \$9.65 per cwt., respectively, averaged about \$2.80 per cwt. above the prices for the same period a year earlier. There were higher prices for both fluid milk and manufacturing grade milk. Fat tests for the first quarter averaged slightly below those of the previous year.

OKLAHOMA: PRICES AND FAT CONTENT OF MILK SOLD TO PLANTS

Month	Milk Price Per 100 Pounds								
	All Milk			Fluid Milk			Manufacturing Milk		
	1972	1973	1974 1/	1972	1973	1974 1/	1972	1973	1974 1/
	- Dollars -			- Dollars -			- Dollars -		
January	6.55	7.00	9.75	6.85	7.25	10.00	4.85	5.30	7.75
February	6.65	7.00	9.90	6.95	7.25	10.15	4.85	5.30	8.00
March	6.15	6.90	9.65	6.35	7.10	9.90	4.80	5.30	7.95
<u>Milkfat Content</u>									
	- Percent -			- Percent -			- Percent -		
January	3.74	3.79	3.80	3.74	3.79	3.81	3.74	3.82	3.76
February	3.73	3.73	3.66	3.73	3.74	3.66	3.70	3.70	3.66
March	3.58	3.60	3.55	3.59	3.60	3.56	3.50	3.56	3.49

1/ Preliminary.

BUTTER AND ICE CREAM OUTPUT BELOW 1973 LEVEL

Butter production in Oklahoma for the first 3 months of 1974 was 6.0 million pounds compared to 7.0 million pounds during the same period of 1973, a drop of 14 percent. Ice cream production was 1 percent below the comparable quarter last year with 1,505,000 gallons compared to 1,520,000 gallons.

OKLAHOMA: BUTTER AND ICE CREAM

Month	Butter			Ice Cream 1/		
	1972	1973	1974 2/	1972	1973	1974 2/
	- 1,000 Pounds -			- 1,000 Gallons -		
January	2,215	2,870	2,780	433	430	390
February	2,100	2,180	1,640	499	505	530
March	2,380	1,995	1,560	505	585	585

1/ Includes ice cream produced both wholesale and retail. 2/ Preliminary.

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